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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO - NON-POWER REACTOR CLOSEOUT OF  
GENERIC LETTER 2016-01, "MONITORING OF NEUTRON-ABSORBING  
MATERIALS IN SPENT FUEL POOLS," FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW  
MEXICO AGN-201M REACTOR, DOCKET NO. 50-252 (CAC NO. A11010)

On April 7, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 2016-01, "Monitoring of Neutron-Absorbing Materials in Spent Fuel Pools" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16097A169), to address the degradation of neutron-absorbing materials (NAM) in wet storage systems for reactor fuel at power and non-power reactors.

For the non-power reactors, GL 2016-01 requested that licensees provide facility-specific information related to the use of NAM. This information was needed by the NRC staff to verify continued compliance through licensee implementation of effective methods for monitoring of reactor fuel in wet storage so as to detect and mitigate any degradation or deformation of NAM when credited in the facility licensing or design basis for criticality control of fuel in wet storage.

On October 26, 2016, the University of New Mexico submitted a response to GL 2016-01 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16306A410) for the University of New Mexico AGN-201M Reactor. The NRC staff conducted a review of your response to GL 2016-01 and determined that your facility does not have wet fuel storage (not in the scope of the GL). Based upon the information you submitted in response to GL 2016-01 and the results of the NRC staff review, the NRC staff has determined that the submission addresses the information requested in GL 2016-01. No further information or action is requested regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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